



**The U.S. Embassy is pleased to announce
The International Writing Program
For Young Arabic-speaking Writers at the University of Iowa
June 22 – July 8, 2013**

Purpose:

To develop talented young writers, 16 to 19 years-old, who show promise to become future literary figures. The program will allow these young participants to engage in creative writing workshops in Arabic and English at the University of Iowa from June 22 to July 8, 2013.

Award:

The program covers the full cost of this cultural and creative exchange, including international airfare, per diem and other costs associated with students' stay in the U.S.

Program:

During this program in the U.S., the selected participants will take part in creative writing workshops, seminars on literary topics, cultural visits, and local events.

Eligibility:

-Applicants must be proficient in Arabic and English (reading, writing and speaking);

Requirements:

- A writing sample of 6 to 8 pages of prose and/or poetry in English,
- A writing sample of 6 to 8 pages of prose and/or poetry in Arabic,
- One page statement of purpose about why you are interested in the program,
- A detailed résumé in English,
- A writing sample of 2 to 5 pages of prose and/or poetry in either language in response to one of the following writing prompts:
 - * A person comes home and sees that someone new is moving into the apartment next to them. In the hallway is a giant cage with a colorful bird that talks, an open box full of shiny black shoes, and a strange machine the person has never seen before. The new neighbor's door is open – what happens?
 - *Write a story or poem inspired by the following statement: "Everything has beauty, but not everyone sees it."

Information:

For further information on the program, please contact Sami Saaied at the U.S. Embassy by phone at 71-107-438 or by e-mail at saaieds@state.gov

Final deadline for submitting the on-line applications is **March 14, 2013**